GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that several States are preparing to use coercive population control methods in complete violation of the National Population Policy;

(b) if so, the facts alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have been actively considering to bring radical changes in the existing National Population Policy; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Apropos to the National Population Policy adopted in February 2000, all States have been addressed to formulate strategies and programmes in strict conformity with the spirit and approach of the National Population Policy. Accordingly, States have been requested to ensure that population stabilisation is achieved through informed consent and peoples` participation.

(c)&(d): No such proposal is under consideration.